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QAIS Continues to Fight Bill 104

During our campaign to oppose Bill 104—legislation which amends Bill 101 and further restricts access to English education—QAIS schools received over 2,500 e-mail responses in support of our position concerning the bill. I would like to thank the many members of the Selwyn House family who expressed their outrage by signing the petition and sending a message to the Minister. If heard, the message certainly was not acted upon. I am very proud of the significant role the school played in support of the QAIS Task Force, which directed the Association's efforts. In particular, I would like to express appreciation and congratulations to Geoff Dowd (former SHS faculty member), president of QAIS, for his exceptional work and strong leadership in the frustrating battle, under extreme time pressure, to inform, educate and mobilize a largely unaware and ill-informed population, press and politicians.

The contribution of QAIS schools to the "problem" the government wanted to solve by closing the so-called loophole in Bill 101 was insignificant, especially in comparison to the grossly inaccurate numbers the government used to justify this ill-conceived legislation.

The so-called "loophole" allowed a child to acquire eligibility for English education by spending a year in a non-subsidized English private school. Once that child received eligibility, his siblings automatically qualified for their own eligibility.

Unfortunately, but not unexpectedly, and despite our best efforts to rally public support and to influence the press and the legislators, Bill 104 was passed unanimously in June. It will come into effect on October 1, 2002.



William Mitchell,
Headmaster

The immediate effects in our enrollment will be minimal. Only five students currently enrolled in the Elementary School will be denied eligibility to continue at Selwyn House after Grade 6.

Of equal concern is the fact that the new restrictions will greatly affect future generations. Those most directly affected are francophone and allophone families. Their children will be denied the right to have their years in an English non-subsidized private school count for the purposes of obtaining eligibility to continue in the secondary school in a subsidized English school.

Long term, this will have an effect on the profile of the school population and will compromise the diversity we have worked hard to build.

Naturally, the issue is of major concern to the Board of Directors. While the situation is not an immediate crisis, the Board will be considering how the school, probably in concert with other QAIS schools, should react strategically.

As well, the QAIS will continue its efforts on both the political and legal fronts. We believe that we should do all

we can to have the legislation withdrawn or amended should there be a change in government. As well, we believe this piece of legislation is unconstitutional, and we will be receiving legal advice on how to proceed with a possible challenge in the Supreme Court of Canada.

In the meantime, we will ensure that every eligible student at Selwyn House will receive his certificate so that he can remain at the school, and we will continue the fight for free choice for families in their decisions about the kind of education they want their children to receive.



Assisted by Grade 1 students Spencer Wuest and Jean-Christophe Azzopardi, Sylvie Bastien-Doss, Director of Admission for Selwyn House, speaks at the rally against Bill 104, held at ECS School on June 3.

Building Project Launched

By Richard Wills, *Veritas* Editor



Members of the Capital Campaign Cabinet, SHS Board members, and other groundbreaking dignitaries, from left to right: Harry Bloomfield '59, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Dr. Hans Black, John Hallward '78, Michael Goldbloom '69, Allan Levitt, Robbie Campbell (Head Prefect), Garry Garbarino, André Desmarais '72, Mark Smith, Martha Hallward, Norman Tobias '70, Maxime Laramée (in front, youngest boy in the school), Headmaster William Mitchell, Michel Vennat, and Andrea Wolff (architect).

The weather may not be great, but this is a great and historic day for Selwyn House," said Selwyn House Board Chairman Michael Goldbloom at the groundbreaking ceremony for the School's new building project. Inclement weather forced the June 12 ceremony indoors, where a "virtual" sod-turning was performed before the students and parents assembled for Elementary Prizegiving.

Capital Campaign Board Co-Chairman André Desmarais was also among the dignitaries on hand to launch the two-phase \$12.5-million construction and renovation project that will increase the School's indoor space by thirty-eight per cent.

The Campaign Cabinet is now closing in on its \$10.5-million fundraising goal. After that, an additional \$2 million will be required to complete the entire project.

The first phase, which has now begun, calls for construction of a new building that will house a state-of-the-art library and learning centre, computer labs, and a new full-size gymnasium, as well as administrative offices. A tunnel running beneath Stanton Street will connect this new building to the School's present Senior School building, thus maximizing safety for the students while minimizing pedestrian traffic. This phase will be completed

by the spring of 2003.

The second phase of the project, which will begin in the spring of 2003, will be to renovate the sixty-seven-year-old Lucas Building, home of the Elementary and Middle Schools.

The entire project will be completed by the fall of 2003.

All this is designed to improve the quality of education for students at Selwyn House without increasing enrolment beyond the School's current level of 560-570 boys in Grades K-11. The fundraising campaign for the building and renovation has also raised \$750,000 for the School's endowment fund.

"This has been a community effort in the truest sense," said Mr. Goldbloom, who specifically thanked the McConnell, Molson and Webster Foundations for their support of the project. "They are great philanthropic leaders in Canada. We are fortunate to have them in Montreal and especially fortunate to have them as supporters of the School."

"A school like Selwyn House is a community trust," Mr. Goldbloom concluded. "Each generation is entrusted with the school, and has a responsibility to the next generation to ensure that the school sustains its excellence."

History Repeats Itself

From *Veritas, a History of Selwyn House*, By Edgar C. Moodey with Robert A. Speirs

As the following excerpt from *Veritas, a History of Selwyn House* shows, our current Capital Campaign is not the first time a fundraising campaign was undertaken to make improvements to the Selwyn House facilities.

"In the spring of 1948, it was suggested by many friends and former students of the late Geoffrey H. Wanstall that the most fitting tribute to the memory of the former

Headmaster would be the inauguration of a memorial library.

"It was decided that the sum of \$5,000 would be necessary to initiate the project and it was agreed to approach old friends and past pupils of the school. This was done and the response was most gratifying and, thanks to the committee's wonderful work, the amount was oversubscribed by approximately \$500.

"Approximately 1,200 books

were on hand by the beginning of the next school year, and on March 10, 1949, the Geoffrey H. Wanstall Memorial Library was opened."



Another groundbreaking event. Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Speirs, and Mayor Cushing of Westmount plant a tree at the official opening of the Lucas Building in 1961, when the former Westmount High School became the new home of Selwyn House. At left, Wanstall Library.

'Making Room for the Future' Construction Update

We all are waiting in anticipation for some digging to begin. A sign, anything to show that our long-awaited project is under way. Anyone who has had a home built or renovated knows that schedules can, and normally do, go off-track. Be assured that, despite having a rather empty-looking construction site at press time, things are happening behind the scenes: the finer

details of the project plans and schedules are being finalized, and the site is being prepared. After Quebec's Construction Holiday, the rink area will be a hive of activity. Information regarding various stages of construction will be made available to all SHS constituents in our "Making Room for the Future" brochure, to be published throughout the year. Please stay tuned.

SHS Students in Community Service

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

At Selwyn House School, we've moved community service up on the agenda to help students get involved in contributing to their community. This year, for the first time, Community Service was offered as an option to students in Grades 9, 10 and 11, and was a compulsory component of the Grade 9 curriculum. By September 2003, all Senior students will be required to log a minimum of ten hours each year. Senior School students are encouraged to volunteer outside the school, Middle School students within the school, and Elementary students will continue to do various group activities, usually by grade.

Secondary School Director Rob Wearing oversees the programme, teaches the Arts Option course, and keeps track of the hours logged by the volunteers. At the May Arts Assembly, twenty-five students received a Community Service certificate recognizing their twenty-five or more volunteer hours. A Community Service Tie will be offered next year.

The School is grateful to the Community Service Committee, a



Selwyn House volunteers at Christ Church Cathedral

small group of parents within the Parent Volunteer Association, who volunteered their time to help develop and implement this programme. Their work behind the scenes has produced a database of over one hundred organizations accessible by students, as well as a Volunteer Fair attended by fifteen local organizations informing the boys as to how they could get involved. The committee made regular announcements to students about

upcoming volunteer opportunities and offered transportation to various organizations. The committee's mission is "to help in the research, co-ordination, and facilitation of age-appropriate volunteer activities designed to foster in our boys compassion and understanding of the needs of their community, whether it be their school, their neighbourhood, the city, or the world." The students are certainly off to a good start.

Letters from Alumni Volunteers

In a recent broadcast message to Old Boys via the alumni email directory, we requested articles for Veritas on the theme of volunteerism. Our goal was to learn about the types of community service in which SHS alumni are involved and to offer inspiration to our senior students in the same way that the alumni do on Career Day. Here are some of the responses we received.

Just so you know, I am also involved with Santropol Roulant, a community organization that helps to link young and old through a "meals on wheels" programme. The programme is targeted at having food delivered to the elderly by young people from around the community. It's really interesting, something you might want to run by some of the students.

Mallar Chakravarty '94
Montreal

I'm delighted to see SHS encouraging community service. Having chaired the board of a contemporary dance company (Tangente) for eighteen years, co-chairing the Westmount YMCA's local advisory council, and sitting on the *Comité adviseur* of the province's *Fonds de lutte contre la pauvreté par la réinsertion au travail*, I can speak from experience about the challenges and rewards of volunteerism. I've drawn inspiration from these activities and the people with whom I've been privileged to collaborate. That has no doubt served me well in many of my entrepreneurial endeavors (most recently, organic functional foods).

Larry Karass '72
Montreal

Meeting Needs in Asia

By Brian Ludgate '69, Montreal

My wife and I spent a month in Asia this winter, visiting projects carried out by a Canadian-based charitable organization. Here is a brief report about what we saw in one of the countries we visited, as well as the kind of volunteer work we do.

In Manila, the capital of the Philippines, one-third of the twelve million residents are "squatters." They have moved into the city in an attempt to survive. They own almost nothing when they arrive. Every day is a struggle to make ends meet.

These people have moved onto land that no one else is using. They find scraps of wood and metal, maybe even some concrete blocks, and put up a shelter on land they do not own.

Neighbourhoods soon emerge as people keep arriving. Living conditions are not very pretty in some places. One place we visited was just below a garbage dump. We saw people sorting through the upper layer of the dump, looking for anything of value. When there are heavy rains, their homes below sometimes get flooded.

Another neighbourhood was built on a sandstone hill with almost no soil. The narrow passageways between the dwellings included steps and drainage channels carved into the rock. We also saw people living in the ditch beside a major highway. This is what I mean by land that no one else wants to use.

Some of my Canadian friends have been working here for many years, helping in several areas of "Welfareville." They have been working on a sustainable development project that is partially financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

We visited a co-op they have established to help families earn money. After some training, participants bring materials home and do some beautiful cross-stitching. They get paid a bit when they bring their work back. The smaller pieces are assembled into greeting cards made of banana-leaf paper, and the larger ones become wall hangings. These are marketed locally and in other countries. The profits have been used mainly to help many of the neighbourhood



Brian Ludgate in Manila

children complete their high school education, and even to go to college.

We also visited the study centre where students get help with their homework, a preschool classroom, two medical/dental clinics, and several pumping stations that bring fresh drinking water up through the rock.

My friends have been very encouraged recently because many of the people involved have become enthusiastic about extending the project to other nearby neighbourhoods. We hope that progress will continue after the Canadians have left.

Another project we visited was an agricultural school in the mountains of Mindoro, an island south of Manila. The tribal people are learning Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT) to protect the environment from their traditional slash-and-burn farming. We saw fish ponds that provide protein, now that animals for hunting are scarce in these mountains. Coffee cultivation is being introduced to provide a bit of much-needed cash. These ideas are brought back to the tribal villages throughout the mountains.

My wife, Georgia, and I are no experts in development projects. I am a tax consultant for the Royal Bank, and Georgia is a librarian for Transport Canada.

But we have been able to help as volunteers on the home front for many years. I am a member of the finance committee of the Canadian Council of Overseas Missionary Fellowship. I helped to design its pension plan, and its partnership agreement (required for Canadian tax purposes) with sister organizations in other countries. I speak about its work in local churches, and interview people who are interested in serving in Asia. Georgia helps by providing a place to stay when members travel through.

There are many ways people can help, and many organizations that do good work and can use volunteers. It's surprising what you can achieve, directly or indirectly, when you focus on what needs to be done, rather than what you can do. And in the end, it is wonderful to see the fruits of your labour and to meet the people you have helped.

Old Boys Volunteer in Ghana

By Josh Chinks '98 and Alex Tsoukas '98

This summer we were introduced to a world we never would have seen had it not been for volunteering. We were both interested in doing more with our summer; seeing places we had only heard about while lending a much-needed hand in the process. We joined up with a program based in New York and ended up going to Ghana, a country on the Gold Coast of Africa located just West of Nigeria.

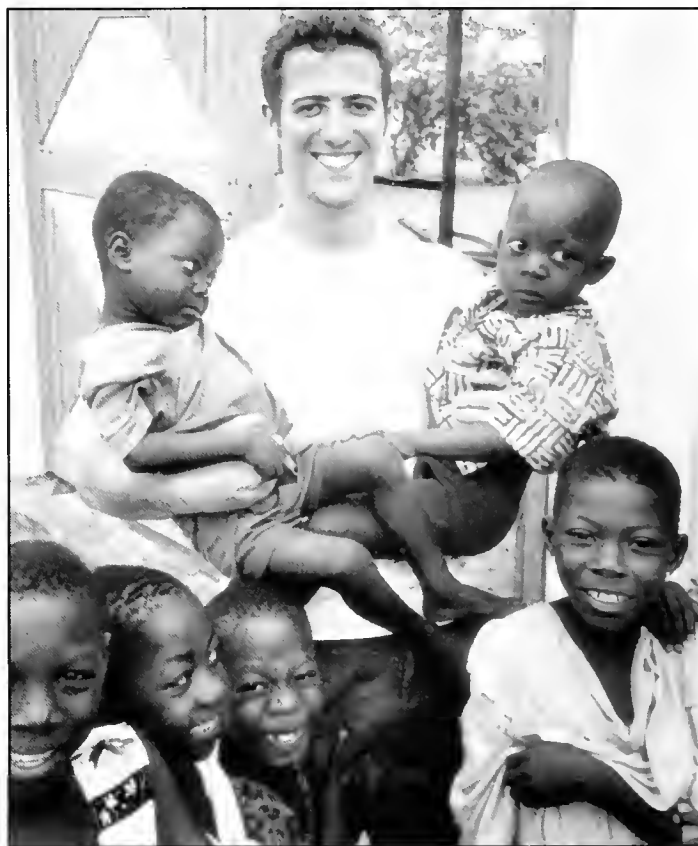
Ghana is a poorly developed country where the concept of property is all but foreign; people work enough to fill their stomachs and spend the remainder of their time relaxing and enjoying life. Ghana is home to some of the friendliest and most hospitable people in the world, who believe so deeply in karma and tribal dogma that lying, cheating, and stealing are unheard of. The Ghanaian village in which we lived was located in a remote fishing area far from the country's capital and any attributes of Western civilization. This region is in particularly dire need of assistance due to ever-rising sea levels which have been engulfing the towns, eating away at precious farmland and destroying the local economy.

Our group consisted of nine volunteers coming from Canada, the United States, and Australia. We were some of the only Caucasians ever to enter that area. Children and adults alike looked at us in disbelief and pinched our pale skin suspiciously. Some of the children were excited by our appearance while others recoiled in absolute terror, but everyone was thrilled by our presence and eager to meet us.

Our typical day began at 5:30 a.m. and we were at work shortly afterward. We were both placed in hospitals near the village in which we lived, and were awarded the opportunity to experience many different facets of the Ghanaian healthcare system, from conducting malaria and HIV tests to diagnosing out-patients, to prescribing basic medications. Working side by side with the local people and observing how different their medical practices are from our own was a privilege in itself.

Ghana is so destitute that dedication to service is just as valuable as any one person's individual skills. Our programme was unique in that, although service was at the core of our assignment, we also aided by bringing our energy and skills to help inspire and empower the village community. Adapting to a new culture and working in such a meaningful and challenging capacity was one of the most exciting, thought-provoking and enriching experiences of our lives.

Josh and Alex are now starting their final year in the physiology programme at McGill.



With their new-found friends:
above, Josh Chinks, below, Alex Tsoukas



SHS Parent Volunteers

Another year, another long list of parent volunteers (250 plus!) and their activities. Our second annual Parent Volunteer Breakfast was an occasion to thank all our volunteers for their time and commitment. A sunflower, given to each of those in attendance, was but a small token of the School's appreciation. Welcomes were extended to Susan Einhorn, PVA Chair for next year, and Christine Gervais, who will be adding Parent Coordinator to her Grade 6 Teacher title, joining me in our work with the PVA. Farewells were said to those leaving the school or retiring, including PVA Chair Judy Martin, whose speech follows. I have appreciated working with such an enthusiastic group of parents. Get a good rest this summer. See you in the fall! –Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

We are at the end of the third year of a formalized PVA, and have had a really busy, successful year. I would like to outline some of our accomplishments.

We are in the final stages of formalizing our bylaws, which are now in the hands of the school's Board of Directors. We expect to adopt them in the early part of the 2002-2003 school year.

In March, we hosted a meeting attended by a dozen member schools of the QAIS. Our objective was to share information about volunteer activities within our schools.



Judy Martin receives a painting from SHS Athletic Director Steve Mitchell and coach Marty Boyle, in appreciation of her work as a volunteer parent.

We hope that, in the future, our schools will co-ordinate dates of volunteer fundraising events and activities, so we do not step on each other's toes. The feedback we received at the meeting was very positive, and discussions will continue in the future. LCC has agreed to chair the next meeting of this group.

Class Parent Coordinator Sheri Diemer and I were invited to participate in a Board Retreat in early March, where topics ranging from endowment, technology and physical education, to marketing and admissions were discussed. The Board of Directors was very responsive to our feedback and will be studying and implementing, in the short and long term, many of the ideas presented.

This school has really embraced the Parent Volunteer Association, on every level. We have achieved what I think should be our primary goal: to help where and when we are needed, without ever feeling we are in control. I would like to thank, without singling anyone out, all members of the faculty and staff for supporting our activities.

Finally, I would like to thank all the parent volunteers, particularly our committee co-ordinators. Without your help and support, this association would have no meaning. It has been my privilege to serve as chair this year and I thank you and Selwyn House for giving me that opportunity. You have all made me look good.



At this year's Athletic Banquet, Alex and Maria Zammit receive their son Nino's hockey jersey, in appreciation of their many contributions as parent volunteers.

Golf Tournament Raises \$54,000

By William Daly '52, Tournament Committee Chairman



Clockwise from left: Karma Hallward,
William Daly '52, Randy Kelly,
Jeff Beaty '88 and Mike Avedesian '88



The fourth annual Selwyn House Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament raised over \$54,000 for financial aid to help students have access to a Selwyn House education.

Again this year, the Tournament was held at the Kanawaki Golf Club on a beautiful warm and sunny day.

As the golfers arrived, they were welcomed by Sharon, Jill and Jaime from the Advancement Office, and were presented with a Cinémas Guzzo cap (our tournament sponsor), a classy SHS bag tag, and a sleeve of golf balls from various sponsors. Players were encouraged to purchase mulligans to help their game if they wished. Some participants went immediately to the practice range to iron out any kinks before their game, while others enjoyed a delicious lunch buffet prior to the 1:30 p.m. shotgun start.

On the 9th hole, players had a chance to win a Land Rover as a hole-in-one prize, courtesy of Décarie Motors. Mike Avedesian's shot hit the pin and Judy Martin's ball rolled close to the hole, but it was not meant to be. *Veritas* editor Richard Wills was on hand to take shots of all the foursomes as a memento of the occasion.

At the end of everybody's round of golf, hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served overlooking the 18th green and fairway. Many Old Boys enjoyed talking to members of the staff, and the golfers could not refuse buying tickets for the

evening raffle.

At dinner, between the main course and dessert, tournament prizes were awarded, with Bryan Fitzpatrick '74 receiving the Old Boys' trophy, having carded a 73, and the team of Vince Guzzo '86 receiving the Tim Shorter Downunder Trophy for lowest net score. Thanks to Tim '86 for donating this team award this year, all the way from his home in Australia.

Michael Penner '86, President of the Old Boys' Association, was called upon to present a cheque for \$54,000 to Headmaster William Mitchell, to be donated to the Conrad H. Harrington Scholarship Fund. Mr. Mitchell spoke fondly about his friend Con, who enjoyed golf, saying that Con would have delighted in the fact that this event helped the fund named in his memory reach its objective.

A short raffle followed, along with an even shorter live auction for a hockey jersey worn by the Canadiens' Oleg Petrov.

The evening was brought to a close by thanking all the sponsors for their very generous support. I would also like to thank all those committee members and school staff who contributed to making this day such a success.

We look forward to next year's tournament, which is tentatively scheduled for May 26, 2003.

Golf Tournament Raises \$54,000

Foursomes

William Daly
Grant Daly
David Daly
Peter W. Darling
Skip Kerner
Allan Levitt
Mark Friedman
Paul Keefe
Vince Guzzo
Claudio Pietrangelo
James Dambreville
Danny Benfeito
Mark Culver
Randy Kelly
Peter Morton
Phil Dixon
Jim Bowey
Jim Meadow
Simon Margel
Judy Martin
Diane Deruchie
Susan Bell
Nancy Layton
Tim Fitzpatrick
Tom Kaufman
Michel Guérin
Dean Barrière
Jean-François Guindon
Christian Denommée
James Nadile
Marc-André Dumberry
Michael Avedesian
Jeff Beaty
Ian Pickwood
Jason Tsadilas
James Madon
John Hallward
Karma Hallward
Nathalie Gagnon
Michel Roch
Claude Fontaine
Normand Lauzon
Michael Penner
Craig Starke
Terry Sewchuk
Rob Hirscheimer
Steve Mitchell
Pat Shannon
Colin Boyle



The Tournament organizing committee, back row, from left: Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations; Peter Higgins '89; William Daly '52, Committee Chairman; Michael Penner '86, Old Boys' Association President; Mark Culver '74; and James McMillan, Director of the Selwyn House Advancement Office. Front row: Mike Avedesian '88; Robert Fagnoli '95; Skip Kerner, alumni parent; Judy Martin, parent; Barry MacDonald, alumni parent; and Jill Higgins, Advancement Office Assistant.

Stephanie Kerner
Kathy Fagnoli
Lise Lupovich
Anzie Stein
Alex Zammit
Carlo Bizzotto
Sabino Grassi
Gary Shannon
Peter Blanchard
Julian Kotler
Patrick Martin
Bill Shannon
Mark Hazan
Peter Higgins
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Bryan Fitzpatrick
Nancy Fitzpatrick
William Mitchell
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Betty Goldwarg
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Barry Macdonald
John Macdonald

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Michel Marleau
Jean-Claude L'Archevêque
Peter Johnson
Philip Belec
Michael Johnson
Ronald Kaulbach
Hagen Mehnert
Wayne McRay
Geoff Adams
Ryan Loader
Dinner Guests
Mike Flynn
Joan Benson Friedman
Elissa Meadow
Monty Krindle
Henri Durafourt
Sandra Durafourt
Ted Claxton

Golf Tournament Raises \$54,000

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Results

Best Team (143)Vince Guzzo
Claudio Pietrangelo
James Dambreville
Danny Benfeito
Old Boy Low Gross (73)Bryan Fitzpatrick
Ladies' Low Gross (87)Nancy Layton
Men's Low Gross, Guest (75)Skip Kerner
Longest Drive, LadiesNancy Fitzpatrick
Longest Drive, MenMark Hazen
Closest to Hole, MenHagen Mehnert
Closest to Hole, LadiesSuzi MacCulloch



Above, the winning team of Vince Guzzo '86. Below, a cheque for the proceeds of the Tournament, to be added to the Conrad H. Harrington Scholarship Fund, is presented to Headmaster William Mitchell.

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Career Day a Real Success

By Saro Setrakian 11B



Left: Dr. Marc Garneau, the first Canadian in space, shows SHS students a video of one of his space flights, in which he is seen swallowing a ball of water that is floating weightlessly inside the Space Shuttle.



Vince Guzzo '86



John Hallward '78

Whether one finds a career by choice or by chance, I believe that Career Day is very important, as it presents an informative and interactive opportunity for students to explore the different paths they may take in their future lives. It doesn't necessarily allow students to make up their minds to any great extent, though it does demystify several aspects of different vocations.

This also means that it de-glamorizes several possible jobs, and often allows students to decide what it is they most definitely do not want to do with their lives.

This year, Career Day featured a wide variety of speakers, including old favorites like Vince Guzzo '86, as well as some new ones, such as Dr. Marc Garneau, the famous Canadian astronaut.

While I cannot speak for my fellow students, I can say that I, personally, profited from the wide variety of choices

presented. As well, something that I appreciated very much was that the various speakers didn't necessarily try to sell their particular choices, but instead encouraged students to go for what they enjoy. It is also interesting to note that most of the speakers instilled a certain degree of confidence or comfort in students who are nervous about what to do with their lives. Most speakers agreed that, more often than not, the right career will end up choosing you, rather than vice versa, even if it might take a little while. I think it would be fair to say that, as always, Career Day was a real success.

Thanks to all the speakers and tour guides, and to the organizing committee: alumni parent Nori Churchill-Smith, current parents Judy Martin and Darline Rosenhek, and Secondary School Assistant April Wong.

Career Day Speakers:

Mr. Barry Lazar '67
Professor, journalist, columnist
Mr. John Boni
TV writer and producer
Dr. Raye Kass
Professor of Applied Human Science
Dr. Marc Garneau
First Canadian astronaut in space
Dr. Mara Ludwig
Physician, MUHC
Dr. William Foulkes
Geneticist, Jewish General Hospital
Mr. Vince Guzzo '86
Executive V-P, Cinémas Guzzo
Mr. Michael Penner '86
Managing Director, Richelieu Legwear
Dr. J. Scott Delaney
Team Physician, Montreal Alouettes

Mr. Tim Fleiszer '92
Football player, Montreal Alouettes
Mr. Peter McAuslan
Founder, McAuslan Brewing
Mr. John Hallward '78
Ipsos-ASI advertising research
Mr. John Bailey
V-P of Marketing, Molson Canada
Mr. Peter Gantous
Industrial psychologist
Mr. Richard E. Shadley, Q.C.
Law Professor, McGill University
Hon. Nicole Duval Hesler, J.C.S.
Superior Court Judge since 1992
Mr. Bill Marsden
Investigative reporter, *The Gazette*
Mr. Salim Ramji
Software Manager for Canadarm 2
Mrs. Paula Shannon
Senior V-P Lionbridge Technologies

Mr. Barry Engel
Executive V-P, BCE Emergis
Ms. Jennifer Roman
Marketing and sales, CHUM radio
Ms. Gisèle Wilson
Retired Chartered Financial Analyst
Mr. Matthew Cundill
Assistant Program Director, CHOM
Mr. Peter Trent
Former Mayor of Westmount

Career Day Tours:

ITECH Sport Products Inc.,
Whalley-Abbey Media Holdings Inc.
(Debbie Travis' Painted House)
CHOM/CJAD/MIX 96,
SR Telecom Inc., Richter Consulting,
Global Television Network,
Aldo Shoes Inc., Royal Victoria
Hospital – Dr. Robbins

Rendez-vous in Toronto

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Some thirty SHS Old Boys and friends joined with a similar number of ECS Old Girls for a combined reunion at Branksome Hall School in Toronto on April 25, 2002. Musicians from the two schools were on a music tour, performing and sightseeing in Toronto, and it seemed only fitting that, while there, a reunion be arranged for our Toronto alumni.

For Selwyn House, the attendees spanned seven decades from 1939 (Ed Ballon) to 1994 (Jon Tyransky) and also included former staff members Brian Porter and Alexis Troubetzkoy. Old Boys mingled easily with Old Girls and it was wonderful to see a microcosm of Montreal in the big city of Toronto.

SHS Headmaster William Mitchell and ECS Headmistress Susyn Borer welcomed everyone, thanking Branksome Hall for hosting our event, and introducing the entertainment for the evening, Jazz Storm (a

combination of Selwyn House jazz musicians and ECS vocalists) and the ECS Choir, directed by music directors Jaime McMillan and Janice Ewanyshyn, respectively. The music was top-notch and added a wonderful atmosphere to the reception as well as giving the students an opportunity to perform prior to their competition.

Jaime McMillan did double duty, directing the musicians as well as informing Torontonians about the upcoming changes to the School by way of posters of the architectural plans.

All in all, the evening was a success. Many thanks to Sean Sofin '84 and Kasey Fukada '84, who volunteered to

be the new Toronto Chapter representatives. We thank everyone for participating and hope that we do not wait as long to visit again.



Jon Tyransky '94 and his ECS guest

Attendees

Edward Ballon '39
Robert Paterson '41
Anson '49 & Fiona McKim
Deane Nesbitt '52
Christopher '57 & Nancy Hyde
Peter '58 & Sue Schaal
Christopher Moseley '68
Norman Tobias '70
Richard Box '72
Denton Creighton '72
Edwin (Ted) Nation '72
Christopher Roper '72
Anthony Graham '73
Saxe Brickenden '74
Alexander Beamish '75
Derek Frost '75
Robert Levy '77
Bruce '77 & Beatrice Williams
James Nadler '78
Michael Whitehead '78
Jeffrey Neumann '79
Thomas Antony '83
Kasey Fukada '84
Sean Sofin '84
Richard Denis '85
Bernardo Sanchez '85
Jon Tyransky '94
Brian Porter (former staff)
Alexis Troubetzkoy (former staff)



Robert Paterson '41 and Ed Ballon '39 at the registration table



Jazz Storm keyboardist Keith Martin 2002, Norman Tobias '70 and James McMillan



James McMillan describes the school's building project in detail

Jazz Band Takes Toronto by Storm

By Corey Zalcman, 10B

The Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band, along with the singers from ECS, embarked on an incredible journey to Toronto between April 25 and 29, where we competed for a national rank at the Heritage Music Festival.

Jazz Storm has, for years, had an unorthodox instrumentation for a jazz band, being mostly comprised of electric instruments. Unlike earlier years, however, this year's band was made up largely of Grade 9 students, and included several unique instruments like the electric violin and a bassoon. But this was no challenge for our conductor, James McMillan, who was used to balancing all instruments at a level pleasant to the ear.

Before the competition, our chaperones had organized several activities for us to do while we were in the beautiful metropolis of Toronto. On our first day, we performed at the SHS/ECS Reunion for alumni living in the area. This was our first taste of performing for an audience, who were very content with the sounds they heard.

Other trip highlights included playing video games at an enormous gaming room called PLAYdium, seeing two very entertaining plays

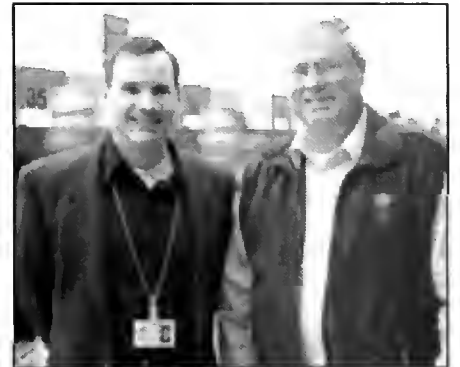
(*Mamma Mia!* and *The Lion King*), visiting the Hockey Hall of Fame, and (much to the boys' disgruntlement but not the girls') touring the Bata Shoe Museum. Another great moment was meeting Sean William Scott of *American Pie* fame on the streets of Toronto.

The competition, of course, was the high point of the trip. After our best performance in the two years I've been in the band, we all looked forward to the awards ceremony, which was held at Medieval Times, a theme restaurant and arena where "noble knights" compete in games.

Much to our pleasant surprise, we were announced as silver medalists nationally, with our ECS counterparts winning silver by themselves and with us as well. We were also very proud of winning the Award for Music Programme (the judges considered us and ECS one programme) that achieved silver or over in all their categories.

I would like to extend my gratitude, along with that of the whole Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band and ECS Choir, to our conductors and teachers

Mr. McMillan, Ms. Ewanyshyn (ECS) and to our chaperones Mrs. Cozens and Ms. Gagnon (ECS) who made for an enjoyable and successful trip.



The group bumped into former SHS staffer Jacques Lavoie, who works at the Royal Ontario Museum.



The ECS Choir in full voice at the Reunion



David Shannon '79, who works for the CBC in Toronto, chats with Ivan Neilson and Victoria Miller of ECS during the trip to Toronto.



Boule Nguyen at the Reunion



Joe Stonehouse at the Reunion

Old Boys Bid Farewell to the Rink

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Saturday, June 15 dawned wet and grey. Were those tears falling from the heavens? The weather was fitting for what was, for some, an emotional day. To make way for Selwyn House's new building, the familiar old rink was soon to be destroyed, the pavement torn up and the boards dismantled. This would be the last chance to experience once more what past and present SHS students and others have enjoyed for years. This was the end of an era.

Despite the continuous downpour, twenty-five Old Boys and friends joined in the rink's last official ball hockey tournament, created chiefly for sentimental reasons. Four teams participated in a round-robin, wearing damp jerseys. Their spirit was not at all dampened, however. Small lakes formed in the corners of the rink, but this did not deter the players from going all out in hopes of securing the honour of being on the winning team in the "Farewell to the Rink" Tournament.

Fil Papich '77, Tom Kaufman '77 and their team of friends and neighbours Jean-Louis Moreau, Marc Brassard, Andy Wight, Dan Macoosh, Stefano Domenici and Normand Lepine, have been regular weekend players for over twenty years. Their Lime Team won most of its matches handily, making the younger Old Boys scratch their heads, muttering "we could have brought a few ringers too!" The games were challenging, especially for the goalies who had to keep their eye on the ball through the wall of water. The Lime Team was victorious in the end despite the youthfulness of their opponents.

Following a quick towelling off, players, along with the fans of the Lime Team (wives and children), enjoyed refreshments in the dining room and the winners were congratulated. Headmaster William Mitchell and Director



The Lime Team, from left: Stefano Domenici, guest; Jean-Louis Moreau, guest; Marc Brassard, guest; Tom Kaufman '77; Andy Wight, guest; Dan Macoosh, guest; Fil Papich '77; and, in front, Normand Lepine, guest.

of Advancement James McMillan presented the SHS medals. In return, the Lime Team announced that they would make a team donation to the school for the "Making Room for the Future" campaign, a thank you for the years of enjoyment they have had in the rink.

Thank you to all who attended to make this tournament a success. And remember, there is always a game to be found at Selwyn House. However, you may need to convert to another sport...say basketball on Wednesday nights!



Team Yellow, from left: Gabriel Brown '98, Kevin Riggs '98, Cliff Adelman '98, and Justin Greenberg '98. In front, Mike Duchesne '98.



Team Red, from left: Olivier Desmarais '99, Henry Buszard '99, Russ Fraser '99, Jason Tsoukas '99, and Josh Wisenthal '99.

Fond Memories of the Rink

Old Boys were asked (via e-mail) about their recollection of various games that were played in the rink. This is what they had to say...

Eleven years at Selwyn House generated so many memories and stories—from every aspect of my experiences at the School—that I have one to tell at just about any social occasion. Mostly, though, the stories that pop into my head come from the rink. Swapping childhood stories with my American classmates in college, they strangely didn't grasp the concept of "murder ball."

Me: "Everyone gets in the rink and you try to grab the tennis ball and throw it at someone as hard as you can."

Friend: "How do you score points?"

Me: "There are no points."

Friend: "How do you know which team wins?"

Me: "There are no teams, and there isn't really a winner, either."

Friend: "So... what's the point?"

Me: "Well... I guess it's just to hurt someone."

Friend: "They allowed that in elementary school? I thought Canada was a civilized country."

Then there were the times that I would come home from school all bruised up, with holes in my trouser knees and dirt all over my blazer. Of course, they came from full-contact tennis-ball soccer in the rink, where blazers were

used like a goalie's glove and blocker, and slamming opponents into the boards was not only allowed, but actually encouraged and facilitated by Mr. Brad Moffat. Is there anywhere else in the world where you can check your physics teacher into the boards and actually get extra credit for learning the laws of momentum?

In the winter of 1985, the School still had its contractors pile all the snow from the various parking lots into giant mounds that soared ten or fifteen feet high in the rink. After a day or two, the constant games of King of the Hill would compact the piles into a solid hunk of ice, perfect for sliding. One day I got into a schoolyard fight with a classmate (who shall remain nameless to protect his guilt). I have no idea what the fight was about, but it resulted in a wrestling match on top of the pile. I got pushed over the edge, tumbling down the hill and landing hard on the thin veneer of dirty white that covered the blacktop. Before I knew what had happened, the classmate jumped down from the top, stomping hard on my head. I began to cry, and complained to the teacher on duty that I felt faint and wanted to go home, my ego bruised far worse than my head. My mother picked me up, and just to be safe, brought me to the Children's Hospital to get checked. After waiting for hours, we went into the examination room, and discovered that the attending physician was my brawling

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Farewell to the Rink



Team Blue, from left: Ben Sharp '95, Hugo Blomfield '95, Charlie McLean '96, Frank San Gregorio '95, Emlyn McCutcheon-Gittens '96, Matthew Riggs '98, James Cameron '98, and Anuraag Saksena '98.



Jason Tsoukas and Russ Fraser defend the Red net.

Memories of the Rink

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partner's mother! "I hope my son didn't do this to you," she joked. "Well, actually...."

Eric Goldwarg '95
Vermont

Mr. Brad Moffat held a competition to see who could transport a raw egg intact from one end of the rink to the other in the shortest time. Solutions varied from high-tech rockets to low-tech ten-speed bicycles. A few eggs were splattered that day. If my memory is correct, Stephen Kohner '80 beat all but one rocker on his ten-speed to capture second place.

JP Guy '80

Ask anybody of my generation about British bulldog. This was a game played by two teams of indeterminate size on what was then gravel. It was appallingly violent, the greatest possible fun and cost my parents a fortune in uniform replacement and repairs.

Nicholas Rose '75
London, England

Oh my God... "murder ball." I don't think I've heard those two words together in about twenty years! You have brought back some very painful (but also some vengeful) memories. And chestnuts! I think I drove my mother crazy trying to cure those things in the oven.

Nicolaus Harnack '87
London, England

If the rink is getting torn up, where will the children be able to play during recess? The ball hockey league was one of the more fulfilling recreational leagues. It's unfortunate that it must go.

Rishi Handa '97
Montreal

The new building will take up over two-thirds of the playground, creating a new space and, no doubt, new games.
—Editor

Games at Redpath

Memories from us older Old Boys are, of course, of the



Broomball on the Rink, Carnival 1970-71

rink on Redpath Street. But a rink is a rink, and small boys will always be small boys.

My first memory is of "stando," played with an old tennis ball against any convenient flat wall. Whoever had the ball threw it against the wall above a line as he called another player's name. If that player caught it, the process continued. If not, he had to chase it down while everybody else scattered. When he had it, he called

"Freeze!" and all the others couldn't move their feet. If he could throw the ball and hit another player, that player gained a "baby." If not, he gained one.

When somebody accumulated two or three "babies," he had to bend over with his legs together presenting his rear while each of the others "burned" the ball at it. Then a new game began.

My other memory is of harvesting chestnuts from the Hyde's tree on Trafalgar Avenue. These were then carefully sorted by size and hardness, then drilled through with a pair of compasses (which made geometry a bit more difficult, but life has priorities) and fastened on a string.

Then battle was joined. The player who got first shot swung his chestnut at his opponent's. As long as contact was made he kept swinging, but when he over-swung and missed, it became his opponent's turn. This continued until one chestnut was decimated or until recess was over.

Kerry Martin '57 (former staff)
Montreal

You seem to have got all the old games—British bulldog and chestnuts/conker smashing. In winter, of course, the yard was flooded and we used it for hockey "fives." This was intramural stuff, but great fun, and we did not have to go over to the rink on Guy Street, a fair trudge when you had to lug a big bag of hockey "armour."

Soccer "Sixes" also comes to mind, but I cannot remember if we played those in the yard as well. All the inter-school soccer games we played up on the mountain (Mount Royal) near Beaver Lake.

The really big excitement for those of us in the Senior Forms, because we were on the top floor, was the fire drill.

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Team from '51 and '52 Wins Tennis Title

By William Daly '52



Participants, standing from left: Greg Raikes '89, Jason Tsoukas '99, Ted Claxton '73, James Boxer '90, Michael Martin '66, Andrew Lumsden – staff, William Mitchell, Headmaster, Colin Ross '51, William Daly '52, Seated: Kerry Martin '57, Clive Hooton '73, Jason Tsadilas '88, and Andrew Ramsey '84. Missing: Filip Papich '77 and Geoff Moore '83.

Memories of the Rink

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Redpath was an absolute fire trap, so, in order to hasten exit from the top floor, there was a fire chute, which was released from the third floor on guy wires into the lawn/garden area on the north side of the school. You have seen similar chutes on aircraft. The excitement was that you had to grab a bar above your head and swing into the chute which then dropped almost vertically for about one floor before it began to angle and slow you down slightly. There were catchers at the bottom end, who grabbed you by the arms and hurled you out into the garden because the next student was immediately behind you, and I suspect the canvas could not have stood up to much of a load. It was extremely exciting, and the most disappointing fact was that you could only have one ride.

Roy Bond '47
Cobble Hill, B.C.

On a cool evening this past May, fourteen Old Boys and staff members arrived at the Hillside Tennis Club for the third annual Selwyn House Old Boys' Tennis Tournament.

Each team played three sets, and the total games determined the winners to be the team of Colin Ross '51 and William Daly '52, co-chairman of the evening. SHS teacher Andy Lumsden (last year's winner with Fil Papich '77) selected the team members with William Daly and established a very competitive draw.

After all the matches finished, a delicious dinner was served and the silver tray was presented to the winners.

Next year's tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2003. We hope to see you there.

Participants

Colin Ross '51
William Daly '52
Kerry Martin '57
Michael Martin '66
Ted Claxton '73
Clive Hooton '73
Filip Papich '77

Geoff Moore '83
Andrew Ramsey '84
Jason Tsadilas '88
Greg Raikes '89
James Boxer '90
Jason Tsoukas '99
Andrew Lumsden – staff

Speech Credits Students as Teachers

In his valedictory address at the 2002 Prizegiving Ceremonies on June 20, Head Prefect Robbie Campbell expressed his gratitude not only to the School's administration and teachers, and to his parents, but also to his fellow graduates for serving as "remarkable role models, friends and teachers."

"I think the entire Selwyn House experience became very clear to me a few weeks ago," he reflected. "After speaking at the Bill 104 rally, it occurred to me that here was a group of outraged parents fighting for the right to send their children to schools like Selwyn House. Seeing this demonstration really let me appreciate just how lucky and thankful I am to have attended this school. It showed me the value of the Selwyn House experience, and really let me treasure everything that's done here."

The Selwyn House experience, Robbie said, "has basically shaped our lives and our personalities and has, more importantly, prepared us for what's to come."

He alluded to the events of September 11, 2001, pointing out the challenges that are implied by the tragedy of an event that marked the past school year for everyone. "The fall of the Twin Towers can be viewed as mere rubble, but also as a place of birth for a phoenix-like movement by this year's graduates to try to make a better world," he said.



David McKinnon '95
of the Black Watch
pipes in the graduates.

In closing, Robbie moved from the words of Wordsworth to those of a more contemporary poet: Jon Bon Jovi. "When mapping out your future, use a pencil, not a pen."

Guest speaker Peter Trent, former mayor of Westmount, echoed those sentiments when he exhorted each graduate to "Be a generalist. Don't map out your career too precisely. Travel light and be flexible."

These were among the words of advice offered by Mr. Trent, along with a warning not to pay too much heed to the offerings of dignitaries such as he. "You can admire, but don't copy," he said. "Follow your own instincts. Be careful of heroes."

Mr. Trent also warned against materialism: "Money is a by-product of work," he said, "not the end product."

He also urged his young audience to establish their own moral principles, and to "challenge yourself—not others."

"Bear in mind," Mr. Trent said, "that everyone is insecure, some are simply better at concealing it than others."

"You are doubly privileged to live in Canada and be educated at Selwyn House," he concluded, admitting that he was "a little bit jealous" of the graduates.

"You are staring the future in the face," he said. "Don't blink."

Academic Awards

GRADE 7 – 1st, Kyle Burrows; 2nd, Robert Hinrichsen; 3rd, James Duffy
GRADE 8 – 1st, Stefan Luu; 2nd, Nikki Thorpe; 3rd, Alexander Hayne
GRADE 9 – 1st, William Martin; 2nd, Shawn Errunza; 3rd, Justin Tan
GRADE 10 – 1st, Michael Woloszyk; 2nd, Scott McMurray; 3rd, Adam Cieply

Distinction Awards

CHEMISTRY – Keith Martin
PHYSICS – James McKinney
BIOLOGY – Michael Woloszyk
CREATIVE WRITING – Saro Setrakian
McCALL PRIZE FOR ART – Alexis Roy
ECONOMICS – Alex Bussandri
FRENCH:

Langue Maternelle – James McKinney

Langue Enrichie – Francesco DiMuro and Tim Rossy

Langue Régulière – Chris Chackal

GEOGRAPHY – Alex Gatien

HISTORY – Arnold Engel and Adam Sternthal

GENERAL CONSULATE OF SPAIN PRIZE FOR SPANISH – John Scalia

THE BYRON W. HARKER PRIZE FOR LITERATURE – James McKinney

COMPUTER SCIENCE – James McKinney

THE MOODEY PRIZE FOR MATHEMATICS – Robbie Campbell

THE MASSI PRIZE FOR EFFORT – Jeffy Chui



Head Prefect and Lucas Medal winner Robbie Campbell receives his diploma from his father, SHS

Board Member Duncan Campbell, who was also the recipient of the Lucas Medal when he graduated from Selwyn House in 1969.

Senior Prizegiving

Special Awards

THE SELWYN HOUSE CHRONICLE CUP – Robert Hinrichsen
THE MEIGHEN WRITING PRIZE –

Alexander Williams-Zannis and Gabriel Maldoff

THE PUBLIC SPEAKING PRIZE – Arnold Engel

THE E. C. MOODEY DEBATING PRIZE – Saro Setrakian

THE PATRICIA MARSH DRAMA PRIZE – Jacob Harris

THE E.G. BRINE AWARD – Robert Abelson

THE JOCK BARCLAY MEMORIAL TROPHY – Stefan Luu

THE PHILIP QUAID MEMORIAL PRIZE – Bryce Durafour and Justin Tan

THE ERNST BRANDL MEMORIAL TROPHY – William Martin

THE ROBERT A. SPEIRS MEMORIAL AWARD – Corey Zalcman

THE GRADE 10 AWARD – Jaryd Zummer

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD – James McKinney

THE THOMAS HENRY PENTLAND MOLSON PRIZE – Robbie Campbell

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S BRONZE MEDAL – James McKinney

THE YMCA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD –

Arnold Engel and Nino Zammit

THE MILLENNIUM PRIZE

DONATED BY THE CLASS OF 1999 – Tim Rossy

THE REDPATH HERALD AWARD – Arnold Engel

THE THOMAS CHALMERS BRAINERD MEMORIAL AWARD – Tim Rossy

THE JEFFREY RUSSEL PRIZE – Arnold Engel

THE LUCAS MEMORIAL MEDAL – Robbie Campbell

Below: prize winners and prefects.

Back row, from left:

Jacob Harris, Andy Rosenhek,

Scott McMillan,

Tim Rossy, Arnold Engel,

John Scalia,

James McKinney,

Nino Zammit,

Saro Setrakian, Alexis Roy,

Chris Chackal,

Francesco DiMuro,

Robbie Campbell,

Alex Bussandri,

Adam Sternthal,

Josh Wolfe,

Keith Martin, and Alex Gatien.

Second row, far left,

Corey Zalcman,

far right, Jeffy Chui.

Front row, from left: Justin Tan,

Bryce Durafour,

William Martin, Kyle Burrows,

Alexander Hayne,

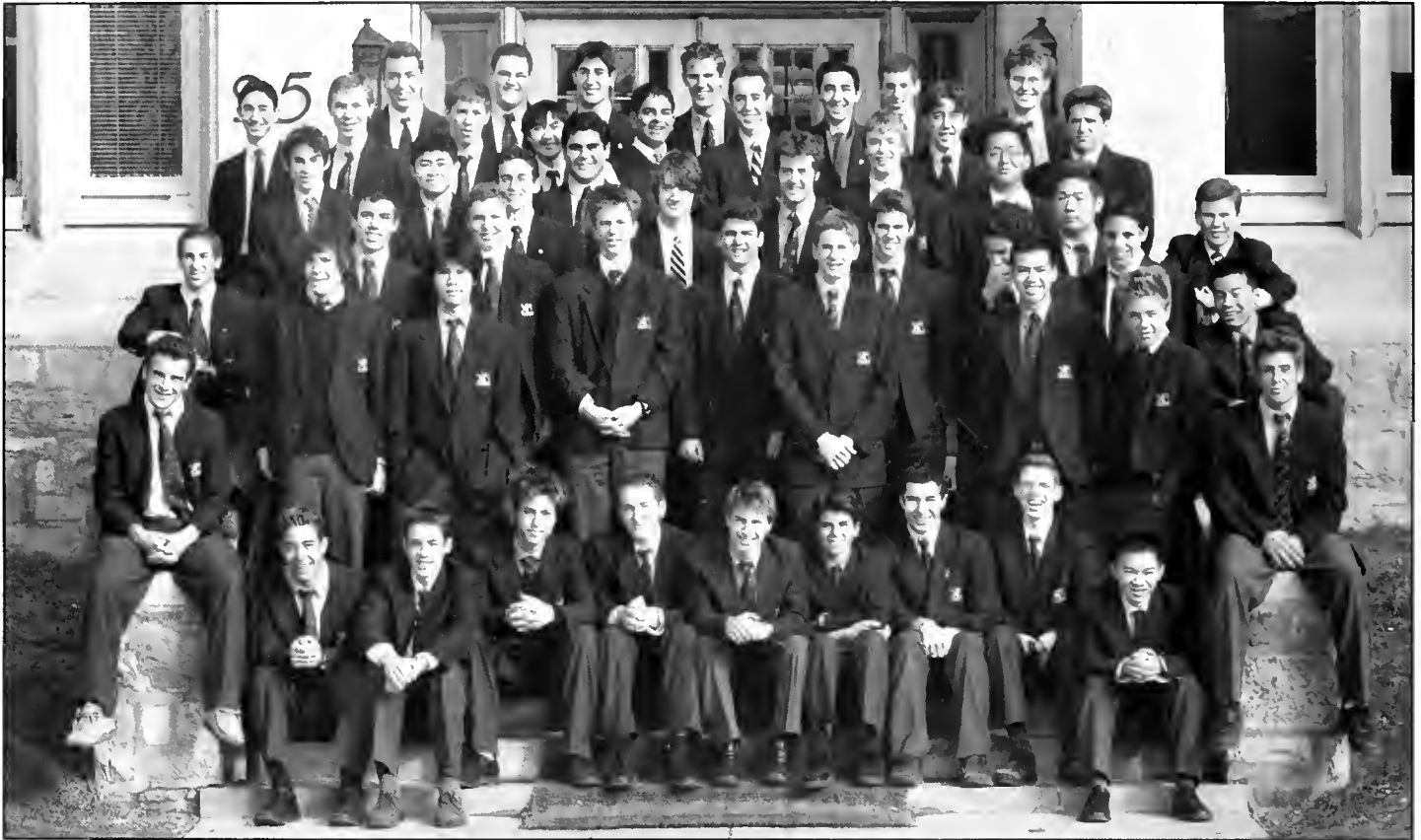
Robert Hinrichsen,

Robert Abelson, Stefan Luu,

and Shawn Errunza.



Class of 2002...



Upcoming Alumni Events:

- August 15, 2002 – Back-to-School BBQ for recent grads (1997-2001). For those of you who are unable to attend our annual reunion in September, we invite you to join us for a hamburger and a few laughs before heading back to school and hitting the books.
- September 20, 2002 – Old Boys' Reunion and Annual General Meeting (see invitation on back cover)
- October 26-27, 2002 – Fall Event (see ad on page 36)
- November 20, 2002 – Founder's Day. Nominations for this year's Speirs Medalist are now being accepted.
- December 20, 2002 – Old Boys' Hockey Tournament, Verdun Auditorium
- May 23, 2003 – Celebration Party to celebrate the completion of the new building (see ad page 37)
- May 26, 2003 – Fifth Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament. Players and sponsors range from Old Boys, current and alumni parents, current and former staff, to business clients and friends of the School. This year's Tournament was an overwhelming success, raising \$54,000 for SHS endowment.
- June 3, 2003 – Fourth Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament at the Hillside Tennis Club
- June 2003 – Grade 11 Induction Lunch

...Where Will They Be This Fall?

Eric Belanger	Dawson	Social Science
Domenico Brunetti	Marianopolis	Liberal Arts
Alexander Bussandri	John Abbott	Natural Science
Robbie Campbell	Phillips Exeter	Grade 11
Adriano Cesta	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Chris Chackal	Dawson	Social Science
Edward Cho	Marianopolis	Health Science
Bobby Chon	Marianopolis	Health Science
Jeffy Chui	Marianopolis	Social Science
Jason Chung	John Abbott	John Abbott
Stephane Côté	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Francesco Di Muro	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Taylor Dixon	Marianopolis	Social Science
Arnold Engel	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Alexander Gatien	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Jacob Harris	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Andrew Hodhod	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Max Knecht	Stoney Brook University	Music
Sherwin Kong	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Lindsay MacLean	Dawson	Social Science
Daniel Maldoff	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Keith Martin	Dawson	Honours Pure & Applied Science
Eric Martz	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
James McKinney	Dawson	Honours Pure & Applied Science
Scott McMillan	Hotchkiss	Grade 11
Jonathan Medalsy	Dawson	Honours Health Science
Torrey Mitchell	Hotchkiss	Grade 11
Boule Nguyen	Marianopolis	Liberal Arts
Nicholas Niro	Marianopolis	Commerce
Anish Patel	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Chris Potter	Centennial	Social Science
Walter Rha	Marianopolis	Social Science
Geordie Robbins	Dawson	Social Science
Chris Rochon	Marianopolis	Social Science
Andrew Rosenhek	Dawson	Honours Health Science
Tim Rossy	John Abbott	Honours Natural Science
Alexis Roy	Dawson	Social Science-International Business
Najib Sallman	Marianopolis	Social Science
Giovanni Scalia	Marianopolis	Health Science
Saro Setrakian	Dawson	Honours Pure & Applied
Devon Soltendieck	Dawson	Social Science
Michael Sterle-Contala	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Adam Sternthal	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Lauren Storelli	Marianopolis	Social Science
Matt Tabah	Marianopolis	Commerce
Nathan Vexler	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Marco Viglione	Marianopolis	Social Science
Thomas Winiarski	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Josh Wolfe	Phillips Andover	Grade 11
Jeffrey Yip	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Anthony Zammit	Dawson	Social Science

SHS Team Best in Quebec in Math Contest

By Andrew Lumsden, Senior Math Department Head

The aggregate score of the top three Selwyn House contestants was the best of any school in the province in the Grade 11 Fermat Contest, written last February. Rob Campbell, James McKinney and Jacob Harris, who tied for third, made up the Selwyn House team along with Michael Sterle-Contala. Rob had a perfect score of 150 points, and the team managed 420 out of a possible 450.

Because of his outstanding performance, Rob was invited again this year to the annual Waterloo Mathematics Contest Seminar from June 9-15, an invitation he had to decline because of final exams at Selwyn House. However, Rob and James did qualify to write the Invitational Mathematics Challenge, which is open to about the best one per cent of those who wrote across Canada.

Mr. Litvack's Grade 11 calculus class was also entered in the Euclid Contest for Grade 12 and/or CEGEP, Year 1. James McKinney, Jacob Harris and Saro Setrakian had the best scores, which earned SHS a fifth place provincially behind Marianopolis, Dawson and two high schools.

The University of Waterloo Center for Education and Computing also writes the Gauss, Pascal and Cayley contests for Grades 8, 9 and 10. In the Pascal Competition, Shawn Errunza, Bryce Durafour and Ton Jin Quan had the best scores, which produced a ranking of 84th among 1,012 participating schools in Canada. The top scores in Grade 10 were those of Sean Maislin, Corey Zalcman and Zach Greenberg. This gave Selwyn a ranking of 119th of about 995 schools in the country.

All the Grade 7s and all the Grade

8s write the Canadian National Mathematics League (University of Windsor) competition in February and the Gauss Contest in May. The Gauss results are not yet in, but in the CNML contest, our 7s were seventh provincially. Our best scores belonged to Robert Hinrichsen, Moo Yup Kim, Christopher Des Rosiers, Jonas Briedis and James Duffy.

In Grade 8, Nikki Thorpe, Sung Jun Bae, Stefan Luu, Christopher Yee Wong, Michael Sutton and Philip Smith (tied), are to be congratulated for a very good showing provincially, third place and among the top twenty of 396 schools nationally.

Finally, if $ac + ad + bc + bd = 68$ and the value of $c + d = 4$, find the value of $a + b + c + d$.

[Answer=12]



From left: Jacob Harris, Michael Sterle-Contala, James McKinney and Robbie Campbell receive a plaque from Math Teacher Phil Litvack and Headmaster William Mitchell.



David Smucker 9C placed fifth at the national level of the Great Canadian Geography Challenge. The competition took place on May 20 at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

SHS Scores Essay Hat Trick

By Richard Wills, *Veritas* Editor

The dehumanizing effect of war; the true meaning of bravery in war; a wistful remembrance of a father's love. Three students from Selwyn House School recently won distinction with essays that explored these themes.

Saro Setrakian 11B won second place in a competition sponsored by the Canadian Association of Independent Schools with his fictional essay "Armour and Tears." By describing the horrors of war as seen through the eyes of a child, Saro's piece examines the ways in which war desensitizes people.

"When there is war going on," Saro wrote, "you very quickly learn that crying over almost anything is offensive—because somebody is always worse off."

"I lived through many horrible experiences during those years, situations in which anybody would have had every right to cry—but I never did.... People who haven't been through war, who don't know what things are really like, think that everything is dramatic or exciting or glorious.... War isn't like that at all; it's quick and simple and it's disgusting because of that quickness and simplicity."

"You're six years old, and you wake up in the middle of the night to cry for no good reason," Saro continued. "Then you're fourteen and your parents die and you're hardly affected by it. That's the tragedy of war: that, like anything else, you get used to it."

Andy Rosenhek 11C won first place in a province-wide competition sponsored by the Quebec Association of Independent Schools with his essay "Courage or Cowardice?" Andy questions the popular image of valour in wartime, suggesting that it may require more courage to resist an immoral order than it does to follow one.

"Without a doubt, it takes bravery to risk one's life unnecessarily, but does that demonstrate true courage? I think not," Andy wrote. "True valour comes in standing up for one's beliefs, not simply following direct orders to avoid any unfavourable consequences."



From left: Saro Setrakian, Jonathan Munzar, and Andy Rosenhek

"Unfortunately, we often associate courage in war with nationalism. The more a person is willing to sacrifice for his country, the greater the hero he becomes. When we look more closely at what it really means to be a soldier, however, their noble images appear slightly altered. They no longer embody the patriotic men who fight for a cause, but they begin to resemble a group of followers, lacking the courage to stand up for their convictions. The war of Vietnam showed this very clearly. When the American government reinstated conscription, there existed a few individuals who stood out

against this. The vast majority of Americans simply followed orders."

Jonathan Munzar 10A recently won first prize in the regional level of the Commonwealth Essay Competition with a fictional piece in which a man reminisces about boyhood fishing trips with his late father.

"My favourite time of day was always the morning, with the anticipation of conquests to come," Jonathan wrote. "As well, at this time just as the sun came up and there was no wind, the lake's surface was at its stillest. This was the time that the light transformed the dark, impenetrable surface into a smooth, shiny, reflecting mirror. The whole world seemed to be reflected in this vast mirror and, more specifically, I could see the faces of both my father and myself. I loved echoing my movements to his, and trying to find the most similarities possible in the two reflected images: the tilt of the head, the hunch of the shoulders, and the recoil of the arm as the rod is cast."

"Although my father has passed on and can no longer be my fishing partner, his memory remains with me forever. And, just as a disturbance on the water creates a rippling effect that spreads in an ever-widening circle, I am a ripple of my father," Jonathan wrote.

The fact that these three students did so well in separate competitions proves that Selwyn House students achieve excellence not by accident, but through talent and training.

The Newest Old Boys of SHS

On June 11, fifty-one members of the Class of 2002 were inducted into the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association. Six graduates volunteered to be class representatives, forming a liaison between the Association and their fellow graduates.

All Old Boys are encouraged to visit the SHS Web site and add their

names to the Alumni Directory. This service allows Old Boys to get in touch with one another and also stay in touch with the School.

Old Boys are encouraged to send any news about their post-SHS lives and careers to *Veritas* magazine. They are also invited to attend SHS reunions, either at the School or at one of the satellite reunions in other cities,

and to take part in various events throughout the year, such as the annual Hockey, Tennis, and Golf Tournaments.

We hope to see them back soon.



At left, the new class representatives for the Class of 2002, from left: Tim Rossy, Eric Belanger, Scott McMillan, Jonathan Medalsy, Alex Bussandri, and Chris Potter. Above: Boule Nguyen receives his class photo and Old Boys tie from Alumni Association President Michael Penner '86 and Old Boy Association Director Paul Mayer '74.

Keep in touch!

Register now
in the
Old Boys'
E-mail
Directory
at
www.selwyn.ca

In the photo below, Jason Chung and Ed Cho register their e-mail addresses on the Alumni Directory.



Graduates...

The Gryphon Sale is always in need of second-hand uniform items for its Back-to-School Sale.

Please send in your items in good condition, cleaned and labelled with your name.

Fifty per cent of the money raised from the sale of blazers and coats is returned to the seller.

Proceeds go to the "Making Room for the Future" Capital Campaign and the Nancy Pitfield Scholarship.



Selwyn House School promotes a healthy attitude toward participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship. These are enduring values that will benefit the student for the rest of his life.

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Mitchell has Outstanding Year in AAA

By Tom Nicoll, coach

Every spring, the Selwyn House School coaches meet to decide on the athletes eligible for the Sportsmen's Guild. This is an honoured tradition and one in which the students feel very proud for being chosen. Students are selected on their athletic ability, their commitment, their attitude and their years spent playing on SHS interscholastic teams. In addition, the student has to have played on two school teams each year.

Over the years, we have been fortunate to have had elite athletes participate in our programmes, including Tim Fleiszer '92, who now plays for the Montreal Alouettes, Ben Wearing '94, who this year will catch passes for the Ottawa Renegades, and the most recent, Chris Gayton '94, who was drafted by the BC Lions.

For the past five years, we have enjoyed the talents of another elite athlete, Torrey Mitchell. Torrey does not qualify for the Sportsmen's Guild this year because he did not represent the School in his final year. It was the senior hockey team's loss. Instead, Torrey played for the Charles Le Moyne Riverains, the best Midget AAA team in Quebec. For those of you who are not familiar with Midget AAA hockey, it represents the best hockey for sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds in Canada. Torrey enjoyed an excellent season.

Before Torrey turned his skills to AAA hockey, he contributed a great deal to Selwyn House athletics. In Grade 7, he was named athlete of the year; in Grades 8 and 9, he was named the MVP of the bantam hockey team; and in Grade 10, he was a member of the champion senior football team. Last year, he was the offensive player of the year on the senior hockey team, averaging over two points per game.

Playing for Charles Le Moyne this past season, Torrey excelled. During the regular season, Torrey was twelfth in scoring with fifty-six points. In the playoffs, however, Torrey took his play to a new level. He almost singlehandedly took his team to the Air Canada Cup, emblematic of a national championship. He won the playoff scoring race and propelled CCL to the nationals. The interesting thing about Torrey's scoring statistics is that, in a 10-1 victory, he may get one or two assists. In a 4-3 victory in a pressure game, he would contribute two goals and two assists. This is one of the reasons why the scouts loved his play and had him



Torrey Mitchell receives a special plaque from Tom Nicoll at the SHS Athletic Banquet in May.

slotted to be taken in the first round of the QJHL draft. Incidentally, Torrey won the MVP for the playoffs and was awarded three player-of-the-game awards at the nationals.

Like all great athletes, Torrey has a passion for his sport. He has been playing since he was able to walk. Some of the credit for his development has to go to his parents, Steve and Sheila Mitchell. Every year, Steve would construct a rink for his boys in the backyard. Torrey has spent endless hours on that rink, honing his skills. Steve has told me that, after a game, Torrey would come home, eat dinner, and then go out on the rink for another two or three hours. Often, it would entail playing shinny hockey with his neighbourhood cronies, or simply working on his skating and shooting, a solitary figure deeking invisible defenders. This is one

aspect of athletics that often separates the very good athlete from the elite athlete: passion for his sport.

I have been coaching hockey for more than twenty-five years, the last twenty-one at Selwyn House. Before coming to this school, I coached community hockey with a friend, Ron Lapointe, who would later go on to coach in the NHL with the Quebec Nordiques. He was a great coach and a hockey mentor. On our team one year, we had the famous "Trois Denis," one of whom was, of course, Denis Savard. I can honestly say that, at the same age, Torrey is as good as Denis Savard was. They both have qualities that cannot be taught. That is my testament to Torrey's elite status as a hockey player. I would go so far as to compare Torrey's intelligent play with that of Steve Yzerman and Joe Sakik.

With the guidance of his parents, Torrey has chosen to forego the junior draft, despite having great pressure from various organizations, to accept a full scholarship to attend Hotchkiss School in Connecticut to play division-one prep-school hockey. This league has produced players such as Jeremy Roenick, Tony Amonte, Tom Barasso and Brian Leetch. Just recently, Cornell University sent Torrey a hockey package. They have scouted him already!

We should all congratulate Torrey on an outstanding Selwyn House career, and an extraordinary hockey season this past year. Of course, we wish him all the best in the future.

SHS Launches First All-Girl Rowing Team

At the corporate rowing regatta held at the Olympic Rowing Basin in June, a team of Selwyn House staff members and friends participated in their first-ever rowing race. Organized by Headmaster's Assistant Beth McMillan, and coached by physics teacher and SHS rowing coach Brad Moffat, this group of women took a giant step and committed to dry-land training, tank training, and finally basin training, many without having had any previous experience rowing.

Attention Old Boy Rowers:

Would you like to submit a team for next year's regatta?

Please contact Sharon Cozens at 931-9481 ext. 228 or at cozenss@selwyn.ca.

At the regatta, SHS's second race proved to be a thing of beauty, with our eights clearly having the upper hand on technique. Sadly, they lacked the muscle to defeat the co-ed and all-male crews. All in all, say the crew, the experience was a great one and this is surely just the beginning of what may be an annual event.



In back, coach Brad Moffat and Carol Manning. Middle row, from left: Kelly Von Eschen, parent Nathalie Cooke, Marlita Manal, cox Beth McMillan, and Lynn Mastellotto. Front: Nathalie Frigon, Evi Pachis, and April Wong.

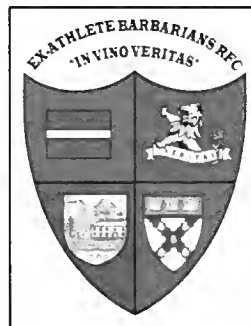
Old Boy Rugby Barbarians in Paris

By Warren Valdmanis '90

In early March, a desperately unfit team of thirty ageing rugby players descended on Paris for a long weekend of on- and off-the-field play. The Ex-Athlete Barbarians, drawn primarily from the rugger alums of Selwyn House, Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School, were created to promote the values of rugby through their annual foreign tours and occasional domestic matches.

The origin of a Barbarian tour can be traced back to 1890, when W.P. Carpmael of Bradford, England came up with the idea of uniting rugby players from different clubs and countries, to travel the land and play local squads. Throughout their 110-year history, the "Baa-Baas" have invited players from twenty-two nations and over 350 clubs to wear the famous black and white hooped jersey and to spread the ideals of good sportsmanship and fair play.

The Ex-Athlete Barbarians, which in their most recent incarnation included players from ten nations as well as five SHS alumni, wear the same black and white hooped jerseys as their distant cousins the original Baa-Baas, though they are considerably slower, older, and chubbier. This year's match pitted them against l'Ecole Polytechnique of Paris, where the Ex-Athletes wheezed and trundled their way to a



respectable 30-20 loss, in conditions that make Westmount Park fields look like Twickenham. The three feet of mud didn't slow down fly-half Andy Osterland '81, however, as he duked his rather portly physique in for an impressive try. "I'm deceptively slow," Osterland remarked afterwards. "That's the secret to my game." Nor did the conditions frighten eightman Thor Valdmanis '80, whose tendency to pull mauls down on himself kept classmate Peter Norris '80 giggling to himself. Richard Valdmanis '93 and

I kept a stern watch on the flanks, only allowing the occasional try or two to sneak past.

After the thrilling match and some post-match singing, the Ex-Athletes were back on the bus and headed to the Stade de France to attend the rugby match watched by the entire continent—England vs. France. A spirited French team overwhelmed the heavily favored English squad, securing a stunning victory, one that no person at the Stade that day will ever forget.

The rest of the weekend was filled with rugby-style socializing, followed by a few weeks of physical fallout. The Ex-Athletes look forward to including more Selly alums during their next voyages.

Treasures Added to SHS Archives

These are just some of the photos sent to us by former SHS staff member John Howes, in response to our request for additions to the school's archives. To remind the younger Old Boys of the role played by Mr. Howes and others who appear in these photos, we have included the following excerpt from Veritas, A History of Selwyn House, by Edgar C. Moody with Robert A. Speirs.

In the following years, Mr. John Howes joined the Middle School staff. He is remembered chiefly for his valiant efforts, with Mr. Mingie, in the Scouts and Cubs. Though neither had great experience in the work, they made a team of quite astounding enthusiasm and energy which, while sometime diverting their colleagues with their many misadventures, nevertheless raised the standard of the troop.

Mr. Howes also was responsible for the equipping of a diverticulum from the locker-room, which served also as the green room on dramatics nights, with access to the gymnasium through a trap door.

Mr. Walter Mingie replaced Mr. Perkins as gymnastics instructor and, without laying claim to any academic propensity, assisted with some of the lower school work. It was the first time that the school had boasted a full-time



Characters in a play Mr. Howes helped produce. Michael Meighen '53 plays one of the "ladies."

specialist in physical education. In the past there had been drill instructors at the MAA, but they had not been part of the staff proper. Inevitably, advantage was taken of his arrival. For the first time, a gymnastic display, the forerunner of many such diversions, was staged for the entertainment of the parents.

A further result of having a specialist was the introduction of boxing classes as an extra on Saturday mornings.

In 1956, Mr. Mingie moved on to Westmount High School. In June, 1957, Mr. Howes moved on to other posts.



Bill Hambly played "Essex the Queen."



Mr. Mingie presenting an award to the late Gregor Maxwell, mid-50's.



Scoutmaster Walter Mingie makes a presentation



More Stories from 9-11

The following pieces written by SHS Old Boys arrived too late to be included in the "Where Were You on September 11?" feature that appeared in last winter's issue of Veritas. Thank you for your submissions.

'Canada Loves New York' Rally

December 1st, 2001 has officially been decreed "Canada Loves New York" Day. Supported by thousands of Canadians who traveled down to the recovering city, New York witnessed a splash of heartfelt red and white patriotism from all across the Great White North. Not only did it give Canadians a chance to come to New York, see the city for themselves and pay homage, but it provided them an opportunity to support the city in the best way they could – with open hearts and open wallets. Come to New York and have a good time!

The weekend was centered around a rally held on December 1st in the famous Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan, and combined speeches, performances, and presentations. The lineup of approximately 5,000 people waiting to get into the limited-seating venue, snaked around the busy blocks of midtown hours before the doors were to open. Volunteers handed out Roots "Canada Loves NY" baseball caps and Canadian and US flags and pins to the animated crowd. Highlights of the rally included acts from the Cirque du Soleil, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and then-mayor/hero of New York Rudy Giuliani kibitzing on stage together, and Blue Rodeo blasting out some of their classic tunes. Canadian flags intermingled with the famous NY logo hung around the room, reminding us all why we had come together.

I think this event may have been even more special for Canadians who, like myself, are resident here in New York City. We have lived through, grieved, and begun the recovery of the chaotic events of Sept. 11, and have done so as a city. The "Canada Loves New York" event allowed us to do so as Canadians. It was a truly proud moment for me

and for the people at the rally, to be recognized as a group and as a nation. And, as the weekend passed and the buses loaded up and headed back north of the border, we remain in this great city to do our share in helping it get back on its feet and regain its renowned strength with even greater pride.

Brian Vroom '93
Long Island, New York

Getting on with Life

As for stories about 9/11/2001...I was pulling into the garage at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, where I work, at about 8:58 a.m. The Center is located about twelve miles north of the World Trade Center Site. As I got out of my car, one of the garage attendants, a Russian man, asked me, "Did you see the World Trade Center is on fire?! Go up to the roof and see!"

I was late, so I didn't go up to the roof, but went in to work where nurses, social workers, psychologists and physicians all had their attention trained on the two small TV sets on our inpatient psychiatry unit...the news hit us hard!

I have only been back into Manhattan once since the disaster, on October 3, to see Placido Domingo sing Mozart's *Idomeneo* at the Metropolitan Opera. Lincoln Square at Broadway and 66th street was sombre that night.

I am going back to the city tomorrow, December 19, for a lunch to celebrate my wife's birthday, and for a professional pharmaceutical dinner. We're going to catch a movie in between the two meals. I hope the mood in the city is less dysphoric than two months ago. We're trying to get on with life, but it's hard to do things with the same confidence as we had in the past.

Regards to you and the entire Selwyn House community.

J. Clive Spiegel M.D. '80
Roslyn, New York

Alumni Phone Campaign takes in over \$200,000 in pledges

The SHS Alumni Phone Mail Campaign took place over seventeen days in November and December 2001, and sixteen days in May and June 2002. A total of 6,707 calls were made, an average of 203 calls per night. One in four calls resulted in a conversation with an Old Boy, current or past parent. Two out of three conversations resulted in a pledge or unspecified pledge.

A total of \$202,740 in written pledges were made. The average pledge was \$607.01. Two-hundred ninety of our Alumni records contained incorrect phone numbers.

Many thanks to our callers: Jérémie Clarke 2001, Eric Ordonselli 2001, Hayden Bernstein 2001, Philip Hospod '99, Christopher Eich '97, and the late Colin No '97.



Philip Hospod '99

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1947

Roy Bond writes from British Columbia: "The location of Selwyn House is a double alumnus for me, as I finished off my last two years of education at Westmount High School in the same location after attending SHS on Redpath. Thanks for your other SHS info."

1970

Ed Segalowitz dropped in for a visit at Selwyn House School with his two children who were on March break. Ed was proud to show them the Head Prefect board where his name appears for the year 69-70.

1980

J. Clive Spiegel graduated from a dual-board residency in Neurology Psychiatry in June, and opened a solo private practice in Manahasset, New York in July.

1982

Gavin Drummond acted in the Tighrope Theatre production of *Glengarry Glen Ross* at the Players' Theatre in Montreal in May.

1983

John Kardos writes: "My family and I have moved again, so it will be difficult to attend Selwyn House events for a while. My wife, Jeanne, our daughter, Kassie, and I have moved to England for another position within Bombardier (where I have been employed for the past few years, but based in Canada)."

1984

Neil Beaton writes: "I have a new

baby daughter, the first for my wife, Teresa, and myself. Madeline Kathleen was born at the Royal Vic on November 26th, 2001.

Here is a picture of my daughter, Madeline, at roughly four months.

1987

Chris Bruneau writes: "I have just moved to Rio de Janeiro for work. My wife and I moved down in December of last year to work for our respective law firms. I am now counsel at Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, an international law firm based in Washington, DC. I focus on Latin American transactions with a special emphasis on Brazilian matters. I look forward to hearing from alumni who are in the region." cbruneau@wilmer.com.

Eric Gilman writes: "This spring, I will be graduating with distinction from the Faculty of Law at McGill, completing degrees in both common law (LLB) and civil law (BCL). In the past two years, I was the director of the McGill legal clinic and served as president of the faculty's students' association. I am moving to Toronto to serve as a Crown attorney, a criminal prosecutor for the Department of Justice. The DOJ primarily prosecutes drug and narcotics offences, money laundering, tax evasion, and organized crime."

Sywa Sung writes: "I am happy to announce that I have moved back to the Los Angeles area. One thing that has made this move easier is that it's the first time I have moved back to a place where I had previously lived. My time in San Francisco was very interesting, and I learned much from all the great people I met there, and for that I am very thankful. In the meantime, I am enjoying the fantastic weather that Southern California has to offer this time of year."

1989

Minya Gavrilovic and his wife,

Charmaine, had a baby daughter, Chloe Milena, born on April 15, 2002.

Paul Guinness and Cheryl will be moving to Kingston with their two boys (Joshua and Daniel) so that Paul can begin the one-year Queen's Science and Technology MBA. They are expecting their third child in August.

Conor Sampson writes: "Sophie Catherine Mayes (Collège Marie de France, '91) and I were married on May 16th in Mont-St. Hilaire. Despite a persistent fog and somewhat chilly weather, it was a wonderful wedding—the apple trees were almost in blossom. We were thrilled that so many guests managed to travel to Montreal for the occasion. Edward Herba '89, who made the trip from Brehman, Germany, and Prasun Lala '87 were both in attendance. Sophie and I returned to New York following the wedding, where we are completing Masters degrees in urban planning and architectural lighting design. We would be delighted to meet any SHS alumni passing through, or living in, our neighbourhood."

1990

Oneal Banerjee writes: "I moved up my wedding from September 2002 to May 4, 2002, which means I'm now married! Mona and I got married in Ottawa, on a beautiful spring day (the only one we've had in the last few weeks). Sammy Nag '91 was in attendance."

1991

Kevin George Bakar graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Dental School June 2, 2002, with his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. He received eight awards at the Awards Ceremony May 31st, and also received four special presentations May 29th. He'll continue his studies



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in the Post Graduate Program in Orthodontics at UCLA beginning in July 2002.

Kevin attended Selwyn House for Grades 8 and 9. The family moved to California in 1989 so Kevin did not graduate from SHS, but his brother, Scott James Bakar '89, did complete his high school education at Selwyn House.

Tim Hoare writes: "I'm now living near London, England. Good luck with all the events, and here's a little update on my own personal situation: I recently decided to leave Calgary and resign from my position as territory manager with an American firm called Orion Food Systems. I then moved to Hungerford, Berkshire, with my girlfriend, where we now live in a converted chapel. I work as a national account executive with a Swiss gourmet bakery called Hiestand (UK) Ltd, and we're settling in nicely. We miss Canada, though, **ESPECIALLY THE WEATHER!!** Anyway, all the best."

Stuart Rutledge married Jennifer Anderson in June 2001. During their seven years together before getting married, Stu and Jen travelled extensively, completed their graduate degrees and started their respective careers in banking and copywriting. Stuart is currently a senior manager in corporate finance at RBC Financial Group, while Jennifer waxes creative



From left to right, Jennifer Anderson, Cerwyn Davies, Stuart Rutledge '91, Jamie Rutledge '89, and Robert Rutledge '95.

at FCB, a Toronto advertising agency. They live in the Riverdale area of Toronto with their lab, Maple.

Damion Stodola has moved to New York City to work for Coudert Brothers, a multinational law firm.

1992



Tim Fleiszer of the Alouettes was seen in May teaching a course in "Football 101 for Ladies Only," to explain the arcane points of the game to women.

1994

Mallar Chakravarty finished his degree in Honours Electrical Engineering Co-op at the University

of Waterloo in April, 2001. He has moved back to Montreal to pursue a Master's in Biomedical Engineering at McGill, with a focus on brain imaging.

Nicholas Kaulbach writes: "Thank you so much for the email! I am really excited about becoming more involved in the Alumni events and communications. I am in the process of shedding my old skin of disorganization and being out of touch with people and institutions that have played a huge role in getting me to where I am today! I have been pursuing my professional skiing for a few years now. I was relatively organized juggling everything with University. When I decided to move to Whistler, I put a lot of things aside. In an effort to get my feet back into reality and focus on new goals, I have recently moved down to Vancouver. The change has been unbelievable, allowing me to rediscover time management, responsibility and get in touch with old friends. Unfortunately, because I am across the country I miss out on a lot of your events. I do like to stay informed, however, so that if I ever am visiting and it overlaps with a cocktail party here or a tournament there, I can attend. I would like to

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make a conscious effort to track down my class of '94 and put together a healthy and complete list of e-mails so that we can begin bridging the gap that seems to happen among too many childhood friends!

1995

Ed Stock dropped in for a visit at Selwyn House in May, having returned from Toronto. He is now working at RBC Dominion Securities in Montreal, and said he is happy to be home. Ed attended SHS until Grade 7.

1999

Duncan McEntyre writes: "I am at Huron University College, at The University of Western Ontario. I am in second year, studying philosophy. I would like to mention that Kathi Biggs' English classes have got me through college so far, thank heavens! As for recreational activities, I have played at The Shot in Kingston, an off-campus bar, with my band, Walker, which consists of myself, **Andrew Johnston '99**, **Matthew Busbridge '99** and **Jon Anderson '99**. We were voted second-best band in Kingston this year in the *Queen's Review*, a student newspaper."

Sam Walker will be teaching at an

elementary school in New Haven this summer. "In fact," he writes, "I find myself drifting more and more towards a career in education, so you may not have seen the last of me!"

2000

Christopher Robinson has been awarded a scholarship by United Technologies Corporation (Pratt & Whitney) to be used for his tuition fees while studying Software Engineering at Concordia. UTC generally awards about ten scholarships per year to eligible children of employees.

2001

Faris Karim writes from Tabor Academy: "I ended up on the starting line-up in football this season, as middle linebacker. Our record went 7-1 in the regular season and we lost in the Super Bowl.

This winter I decided to join wrestling a month into the season. I wrestled three regular-season matches and went 2-1 in the 192-pound class. I was then out for six weeks because of an ankle sprain and torn ligaments. I came back in time for the New England Tournament, and placed second in my weight class out of fifteen. I am contemplating going to Russia for a month this summer to

join a wrestling camp.

Academics are going well, I am in three AP courses, and have made honour roll every semester so far (85% + GPA).

I hope everything is well at Selwyn House, and that you're having fun there. I will be visiting shortly."



Just in time for Prizegiving, the family of **Alex and Maria Zammit** (seen here with Senior School Director **Rob Wearing** and Headmaster **William Mitchell**) donated a custom-made speaker's podium.

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Jonathan Taylor '91 received the 2001 Pierre Robillard Award by the Statistical Society of Canada for the best doctoral thesis in statistics defended at a Canadian university in 2001. Jonathan is an assistant professor at Stanford University in California.

In March, 2002, it was announced that the following Selwyn House graduates had been named to the **Dean's List at Marianopolis College**: **Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas**, **Patrick Bruce**, **Thomas Constantinescu**, **Timothy Dobby**, **Samuel Grover**, **Zaven Gunjian**, **Rayan Kaedbey**, **Jon-Ian Lui**, **Alan Murgita**, **Vidal Sadaka**, **Julian Simonetta**, and **George-Orestes Tsoukas**. On the basis of his performance in the Autumn 2001 session, **Vidal Sadaka** received a **Sister Mary MacCormack Scholarship**, which is awarded to the top four returning students in arts and sciences.

Daniel Wilner 2001, a member of the Hotchkiss Speech

and Debating Team, made history at the World Individual Public Speaking and Debating Championships 2002, held April 1-7 at Michaelhouse in Balgovan, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. He won first place after five days of competition in four categories. Wilner made it to the finals in all four categories, placing first in After-Dinner Speaking and Interpretive Reading, second in Debate, and third in Impromptu Speaking.

Adam Rozencwajg 2001 has been accepted into the University of Chicago, Tufts University and Columbia University.

Shawn Trudeau 2001 has been accepted into Queen's, Hamilton and Colgate.

Tim Dolby '99 was recently accepted into UCLA to study music and mathematics.

Births and Deaths in the SHS Family

Obituaries

Jim Bonthron '52 died on April 7, 2002 in Ottawa. After serving with the US Marine Corps, Jim joined the Black Watch regiment in Montreal. His subsequent thirty-year career with the Department of External Affairs took him to postings in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the US. He retired in 1963 and travelled with his wife, Gilliane. While in China he played a role in the TV series *Xiao Lang Di*, and as Edgar Snow in the feature film *Mao Zedong and Snow*, which made him a familiar face on Chinese screens. His lifelong enthusiasm for skiing, sailing and hockey was curtailed only by his courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Elizabeth Kingman Bogert, mother of **Anthony '50**, died in January, 2002 in her ninety-first year

Colonel Ross M. Campbell, who served as Administrative Secretary to Robert Speirs, Headmaster of Selwyn House, from 1963 to 1977, died in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on April 17, 2002. Col. Campbell served in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada, and was wounded at Dieppe. After the war, he was transferred to the Black Watch Regiment of Canada, with whom he served in Asia and Europe.



Ian Keith Henderson '92, brother of **Michael '90**, died peacefully in his sleep on January 26, 2002, at age 26.

Michael Riddell, father of **Neil '87** died on April 2, 2002, at home in Montreal, following a courageous battle with cancer.



This year's Senior Prizegiving ceremonies were dedicated to the memory of **Colin No '97**, who died on June 1, 2002, after suffering a brain aneurysm. In this photo, taken in November, Colin can be seen working with fellow Old Boys on the Alumni Phone Mail Campaign. From left: Chris Eich, Eric Ordonselli, Phil Hospod, Colin No, and Jérémie Clarke.

Births

Congratulations to **Jill Higgins** (former staff), husband **Steven Green** and big brother **Dylan** on the arrival of **Emma Sarah Green**, born June 22, 2002. Uncles **Peter '89** and **Doug '84** are resting comfortably.



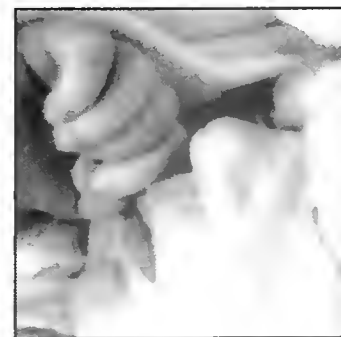
A big hug to everyone at Selwyn House from **Lucas Gilbert Mateos**, son of Spanish teacher **Rosanna Mateos**.



Ryan James Charles Papp, son of former staffer **Brenda Papp**, was born on Friday, April 12th.



Former Spanish teacher **Eva Balsells** has a baby son, **Marc Brinckam-Balsells**, born on February 18, 2002, in Ottawa.



SHS teacher **Brenda Rilling** is the happy mother of **Anja Grace**, born on January 15, 2002.

The Event of the season!

FALL EVENT 2002

The Fall Event will be the place to be this October. Old Boys, current students, current and alumni parents, and SHS staff all pitch in to make this annual fundraiser a top-notch event (\$90,000 raised last year). SHS and various charities benefit from the generous donations of goods and services, volunteer efforts, and attendance of our entire SHS community.



Friday, October 26:

RAFFLE; HAUNTED HOUSE; CRAFT FAIR; GRYPHON GOURMET; BAKE SALE; LASAGNAS & QUICHES

A friendly Haunted House for the youngsters; a home craft sale; a wonderful raffle; the Gryphon Gourmet (fresh and frozen meals to take home); the Bake Sale; and our famous homemade lasagnas and quiches to fill your freezer.

Saturday, October 27:

GARAGE SALE; RAFFLE; CRAFT FAIR; BAKE SALE; LASAGNAS & QUICHES

The Garage Sale has the best deals in town (great old treasures as well as brand-new merchandise). Win a great raffle prize.

For more information, please call
Alison Matheson at 939-9026.

Back to school at **The Argyle Shop**



Back-to-School Hours

For shopping in person,
or for picking up orders

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 4

Thursday, September 5

Regular Hours

Beginning Sept. 9th

Mondays from 7:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

It's a Celebration!

After a year of construction, dust, noise, and a lot of logistical planning, we all will deserve a party to celebrate the opening of our new building! This event will be for all members of the Selwyn House community.

Mark May 23, 2002 on your calendar as the tentative date, and get involved in the preparation. Our "Celebration" will include a live auction, a silent auction (formerly part of the Fall Event), food and entertainment. There will be something for everybody. Proceeds will go towards the "Making Room for the Future" Capital Campaign.

We are currently seeking out-of-this-world live-auction items for five to ten special packages: holiday homes, tickets to special events...the Masters, the Oscars, ...the sky's the limit! We also would appreciate donations for our Silent Auction which has in the past been part of our Fall Event, as well as donations from restaurants and caterers for food for the evening.

If you would like to volunteer, join the committee,
or if you have something to contribute, please contact:

Celebration Committee Coordinator: Nathalie Melnikoff 937-5727

Silent Auction Coordinators: Sheri Diemer 489-9957, Sheila Jablonski 989-2031, Maria Zammit 334-9139

Live Auction Coordinators: Marina Cutler 489-3812, Liza Kaufman 931-7463

A Part of the SHS Family

A letter from my sharp-eyed mother was published in your last issue. She was identified as my mother (good!) and as grandmother of Michael '83 (also good). Mrs. McKim is also grandmother of Michael's older brother and my son Ross '78. As an aside, she is the aunt of Deane Nesbitt '52, Michael McMaster '53 and one of the original Directors of the Selwyn House Association. Very much a part of the SHS family.

The short article on scouting at SHS reminded me of an exchange that occurred between me (Troop Leader at the time) and Lester Perkins (Master in charge of Scouts). Scene: Quiz time for points for your patrol. Question to me: "You're on a hike. It starts to rain. What do you do?"

Me: "Cut saplings, build a lean to, etc., etc."

Answer "Wrong. You let it rain." (Laugh, laugh—from Mr. Perkins, not me) (no points for my patrol). The gap between us widened.

Anson McKim '49
Erin, Ontario

First Gryphon in Canada Games

Congratulations on a very impressive publication. I enjoy reading it, and should probably provide more periodic inputs myself.

Unfortunately, the Winter *Veritas*, which I just received, has an article on page 31 about Andrew Wong being the first Selwyn Gryphon athlete to compete in the Canada Games. He was not the first, as I played rugby for Quebec in the 1985 Canada Games in St. John's, New Brunswick. We came in fourth, losing the Bronze medal to Alberta in a close-fought match. I started playing rugby at Selwyn at the age of 12 and have been playing ever since. I'm 35 now and still playing first-division club rugby for the Montreal Irish RFC. Making the Canada Games squad was my first major achievement in rugby after leaving Selwyn House. I also played 1st-division OUAA rugby while at the University of Guelph (co-incidentally, also a Gryphon team) where I was selected to the 1987 OUAA All-Star team and also received the University of Guelph Honour Award for rugby in 1989. In my time with the Irish, I was Club MVP in 1992, President of the Club from 1998-2000 and Club Captain in 2000 as well.

Neil Beaton '84
Montreal

Guests Welcome

I attended Selwyn House for only two years, 1978 and 1979, but still keep up with many of my classmates and feel that Selwyn House is a big part of my past.

I was wondering if I would be able to walk the halls of the School with my family if I were to come by at some point during our stay. Is the building open? Are guests welcome?

Ron Pateras '82
Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Response to Ron and all Old Boys: Drop in anytime!

Toronto Reunion

A quick note of appreciation for a very pleasant Old Boys' Reunion last Thursday.

What can I say? We were greeted by a smiling line-up of students standing in the rain, directed to the hall by a multitude of ECS girls making sure we didn't get lost, welcomed by yourself and the Headmaster, wine, dined and entertained by an excellent Jazz Ensemble and Choir. All amongst old friends, for all Selwyn House alumni have that one special bond: SHS.

My only regret was that I could not attend the competition at Cardinal Carter School last Saturday in order to cheer on the band and choir. I hope they did well, and I look forward to reading all about it in an upcoming issue of *Veritas*. Please convey my appreciation to everyone who was involved in this event, as it was a memorable occasion.

Chris Moseley '68
Toronto

I thought last night's SHS reception, together with Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramps' alumni, was really first class. While delighted to be invited, I really felt the occasion was a roaring success, as did everyone present. Congratulations.

The music and dancing were superb, but at no time compromised the chatting with old (and young) friends. The refreshments were splendid and contributed to the friendly atmosphere.

I enjoyed chatting with Will, and also meeting Sharon. The school is very fortunate to have you both. I loved Selwyn House in the thirties, but am delighted that it is now better than ever.

Thank you and best wishes.

Edward Ballon '39
Toronto

Archives

In the last issue of *Veritas*, you mentioned that the School is interested in collecting old pictures, yearbooks, and uniforms. I have yearbooks from 1958 through 1961, from the Redpath days. I also have pictures from those years of my classes and also some Cub Scout pictures. Hanging in my closet is my old black-with-yellow-ribbon school jacket, along with the school tie. Somewhere I also have some hats and scarves, as well as some textbooks from those days. So, if these are of interest, please let me know and I will try to send them to you.

Shaun McIntosh '68
Houston, Texas

History Books

My name is Sydney Schreiber and I attended Selwyn House School from 1966-1971 in Grades 1 to 4. Today I live with my wife and two children (five and eight years old) in Brussels, Belgium. For some time now, I have wanted to

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Keep in touch!

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Normand Brault, head chef at Selwyn House School since November, 1988, left the School in March.



Frank Hoffmann, who has worked in the Selwyn House kitchen since 1980, retired in April.



Elementary French Teacher Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette and Middle/Senior French Teacher Carole Rasmussen are on sabbatical next year.



Junior Accountant Valerie Iancu recently left the Selwyn House Business Office.



Departing staffers include, from left: Library Assistant Tassy McEntyre, Phys. Ed. Instructor Gary Yip, replacement Librarian Lisbeth Clemens, and French Teacher Marjorie Carrier.

Letters

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contact you about the British history books that were part of the junior school curriculum during those years.

My eldest child is very curious about the past and I found the broadness of these books fabulously enriching. Would you know the name and publisher? On a similar topic, would you be able to provide me with the names of the history books that you currently use in the Elementary School and where I might be able to obtain them? I would like my Belgian children to learn about their Canadian roots.

On a personal note, my mother kept my notebooks from those years, and the other day my children and I had a chance to read some of my compositions. What fun for them and me to read the thoughts of seven- to ten-year-old Sydney Schreiber in his own handwriting! It also brought

back to me the richness of those years, the attachment to certain traditions and the desire to transmit them; all in the context of a socially turbulent Quebec and an emerging multicultural Canada.

We Canadians tend to lack a clear vision of who we are, growing up looking into an American mirror, but when I look back, the experience of growing up in Quebec and attending Selwyn House provided me with the notion of excellence and respect for the richness and diversity of human culture. Maybe that is what Canada is all about. All the very best to you, your school and the accomplishment of your mission.

Sydney Schreiber '78
Brussels, Belgium



Selwyn House cricket team, 1937

OLD BOYS ARE INVITED TO THE SELWYN HOUSE SCHOOL 24TH ANNUAL OLD BOYS' REUNION

A special event combining attendees from last year's intended reunion
as well as this year's

Friday, September 20, 2002

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar) 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Special Anniversary Years: 1951, 1952, 1976, 1977, 1991, 1992

Spouses and guests welcome.

Tickets

In advance: \$50 by September 14

At door: \$60

Recent Grads (1998–2002): \$25

Payment: MasterCard, VISA, American Express or

cheque payable to Selwyn House Association

Cancellation: Full cash refund before Sept. 18

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Register now with the Old Boys' e-mail directory

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